

MPNA News

The Melrose Park Neighbors Association

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From MPNA President – Andy Rudin

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Austin Family Tragedy

Traci Nelson just sent me the following unfortunate news.

Teddy Austin and his family lost everything in a fire at their home during Thanksgiving week. The family was able to escape without harm and is currently living at a local hotel. Robert Austin is a Myers student. Additionally, Mrs. Austin is an employee at Elkins Park School. At this time, staff members at Myers, EP and Cedarbrook are coordinating efforts to purchase a Visa Gift Card so the family can purchase items they need in the near future.

However, the Austin's' could use the following items immediately:

- * Boys size 12, (possibly slim) clothing; especially a winter jacket, hat and gloves; jeans, warm shirts, PJs, underwear and socks
- * Men's Medium tops; 38/30 waist/length jeans or slacks; men's Large winter jacket; men's Large; underwear, Size 11 shoe and socks; PJs or sweats
- * Men's XL Tops, 40/30 waist/length jeans or slacks; 10 1/2 men's shoes; Men's XL underwear, socks, PJs or Sweats
- * Women's 3X tops, 4X Bottoms; appropriate underwear and socks; 11 Wide Shoe; PJs or Sweats

If you are able to donate new or gently used items, please take them to the Hailey's home at 211 Windsor Avenue in Melrose Park. The Austin's are in continual contact with the Hailey's and will be able to pick up any items at their home.

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Used Electronics Drive

The Friends of Tookany Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership are sponsoring a USED ELECTRONICS DRIVE - Ethical Recycling of electronics-related items. They will not be tipped into landfills, incinerated as solid waste, or dumped in developing countries!

- DATE: Saturday, December 6 (rain or shine)
- TIME: 11am 2pm
- PLACE: Cedarbrook Middle School, 300 Longfellow Road, Wyncote, PA
- COST: \$1.00 per pound (ethical recycling fee)
- CONTACTS: sarah@tfwatershed.org, 215.208.1613 or www.toxtour.org
- Net proceeds from this event will benefit the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership's ongoing work with Cheltenham District Schools. CONTACTS: sarah@tfwatershed.org, 215.208.1613 or www.toxtour.org

THEY WILL ACCEPT:

Televisions, Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Drives, Cables, Cords, Peripherals, Fax Machines, Scanners, Laptops, Stereo Equipment, Speakers, CD & DVD Players, Telephones, Remote Controls, VCR's, Projectors,

Digital Cameras, PDAs, Speakers, Radios, Answering Machines, Camcorders, Electric Typewriters, Video Game Systems, Pagers, Microwaves, Toasters, USB Media, Magnetic Media, Zip Disks, Audio Tapes, Floppy Diskettes, etc. MPNA

Attention 5th, 6th and 7th graders...

COME OUT AND JOIN... Planting and Pasteries

Decorate and plant a souvenir flower pot and enjoy a pastry and cider snack.

We are taking part in a program to beautify our Old York Road Community. This is the first phase of the program. We will be planting daffodils along the stone wall of the Mandel Campus on December 7th, 2008.

- 1PM-1:30PM - 5TH, 6TH, & 7TH GRADERS MEET at ADATH JESHURUN
- PACK A DAIRY LUNCH TO EAT IN THE AJ YOUTH LOUNGE
- 1:30PM-2PM PLANTING OUR DAFFODILS 2PM-3PM
- **BRING YOUR OWN GLOVES & TROWEL (IF POSSIBLE)**

PLEASE RSVP TO:

MANYA MONSON @ (215)635-5244 OR MSM@ADATHJESHURUN.INFO

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A New Melrose Park Blog

Kevin Derr of Crest Avenue has just set up a Melrose Park Blog at Wordpress. The address is <http://melrosepark.wordpress.com/> He thought with winter coming on this might be a way for the neighborhood to chat without being outside, though, he says he would rather see people outside and talking, thought the blog might be useful. It would also be a place to post upcoming events and such.

Kevin goes on to say, "The whole thing is designed to be interactive. A place to carry on a conversation that is public. So, a topic is posted, and then people can comment raise other issues and the like. The first topic I posted was what would be a nice addition to the community. Now people can chime in and say, this is what I would like to see.... You can stop by the web site and see what is going on, you can also subscribe to receive any thing posted on the page. Either way, the simplest is to stop by the web page, the idea is to have people come back and leave comments, respond to what others have said and so on."

Kevin Derr - hkderr@gmail.com

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Donations Needed for Used Book Sales at the EP Library

Pickup Available – Just call 215-635-5000.

WANTED - CD's Video Tapes, Audio Tapes, Vintage Magazines, Comic Books, Software, LP Phonograph Records & ALL KINDS OF BOOKS.

NOT WANTED - Reader's Digest Condensed Books, Old Textbooks & Law Books, Scratched Phonograph Records, Older Encyclopedias, Underlined or Highlighted Books, Partial Sets of Reference Books, Moldy, Water-damaged Books.

All donations of books, videos & CDs are tax-deductible. The dates for the coming book sales are:
January 10-11, February 21-22, March 21-22, April 18-19 and May 16-17, 2009 MPNA

This Newsletter

If you have any suggestions for items for this newsletter, feel free to email them to me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net MPNA

MPNA memberships

Membership in MPNA helps pay for plantings, signage, and many other things. Annual dues are \$10 per individual, \$20 per household. Send your contribution to MPNA Board member Jim Muldoon, 106 Parkview Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012. The membership cycle is the calendar year. [MPNA](#)

MPNA Board

Members of the MPNA Board are Andrew Rudin, Phil Kates, Michael Shectman, Jim Muldoon and Albert Fried-Cassorla. If you are interested in helping out with MPNA, please email me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net. This newsletter is available or will be soon, maybe with photos, on our website – www.melroseparkneighbors.org [MPNA](#)

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